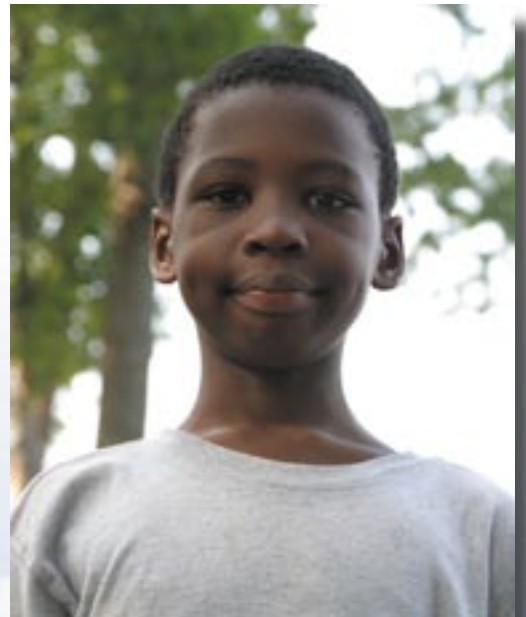


The Wings Initiative

*Influencing and equipping others
to serve children in need*



EAGLE RANCH



Mission Statement

The Wings Initiative is a global initiative of Eagle Ranch that equips others “called” to create Christ-centered, holistic homes for children in need. Through the Eagle Ranch “best practices” model, Wings influences the establishment or retooling of children’s homes worldwide, thus significantly increasing the number of children and families who are healed and restored.

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A Brief History

In the early 1990’s, Eagle Ranch’s model of care was beginning to be recognized by the childcare industry as unique and employing best practices. As a result, Eagle Ranch received a tremendous number of calls each year from individuals across the country seeking counsel on how to start a children’s home. This expanding demand soon became overwhelming.

As the Eagle Ranch Board pondered this developing situation, the Wings Initiative (“Wings”) – a focused effort on sharing the Eagle Ranch model – was birthed in 1996. Wings derived its name from the concept of giving “lift and wings” to others’ visions to help children in need.

Wings – the first ten years

The **Wings Seminar** was developed and offered twice a year to individuals wanting guidance on the “how to’s” of starting a children’s home. More than 400 people have attended the Wings Seminar over the past ten years.

As a follow-up to these seminars, individuals who seemed uniquely gifted to develop a children’s home consistent with Eagle Ranch’s philosophy of care received mentoring at varying levels of engagement. This second component of Wings – **Wings Coaching** – offered a source of experienced, expert coaching at key junctures of the development cycle.

Wings Today

The increasing maturity of the Eagle Ranch program coupled with a now global demand has led Wings to increase its services and commitment level to those it serves. Beyond the Introductory Seminar, Wings offers selected groups the following intensive and on-going support:

Coaching

- Intensive coaching during the first 4-5 years of development with significant emphasis on business planning, board development, fundraising and communications, organizational development, and program design.
- Access to Eagle Ranch's leadership team - school, treatment, administrative, development, physical plant - to assist our coaching clients in implementing or strengthening these programmatic areas.
- Use of Eagle Ranch's proprietary resources and tools (position profiles, policies and procedures, intake process, forms, etc.).

Advanced Seminars

These seminars facilitate design and implementation of the following key program components:

- Designing a treatment model, including integral hiring guidance
- Establishing sound administrative and financial practices
- Developing an effective educational model

Internships

Internships allow key staff members of coaching clients to participate in short-term training experiences at Eagle Ranch in order to better implement key program aspects in their own ministry.

What Others Say About Wings

“Eagle Ranch is an extremely well thought-out, sophisticated program for children and brings its many strengths to alleviate suffering and truly change lives... Wings Initiative is a unique program that attempts to export the concepts, techniques and philosophies of the Ranch to other children’s homes... However, what makes it truly different is that it also provides guidance in the nuts and bolts of creating an agency and a successful business.”

- *Earl N. Stuck, Independent Consultant*
Former Executive, Child Welfare League of America

“Eagle Ranch’s Wings Initiative was God’s answer to prayer for My Father’s House. They helped our board to understand the importance of reuniting children in crisis with their families. They have come along beside us as a *big brother* to guide us through the steps necessary to develop the ministry. We especially appreciate their dedication to doing things with excellence, always maintaining a teachable spirit, and the encouragement that is given us as we journey the road together. May the Lord bless them as they serve.”

- *Gary Powell, Executive Director,*
My Father’s House in San Salvador, El Salvador

“Eagle Ranch is my first recommendation to those who are seeking a model for out-of-home services for children. They are on the cutting edge of best practice for children.”

- *Normer Adams, Executive Director,*
Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children

How To Engage with Wings

If you sense you and your organization could benefit from a relationship with Eagle Ranch through the Wings Initiative, call Jean Parks at 800-455-9929 to request an application for the next scheduled Introductory Seminar.

After each Introductory Seminar, the Eagle Ranch staff prayerfully considers which attendees might benefit from an on-going coaching relationship with Wings. These individuals/groups are then invited to enter the selection process for a coaching relationship.